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Caroline Anderson,

Acting Chief Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Ute Ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the Ute ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*). This plant occurs on public, private, and Ute tribal lands in the Uinta Basin, along the Wasatch Front, and in the west desert in Utah; along Colorado's Front Range north of Denver; in two locations in Wyoming; and in one location in Montana. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before November 20, 1995 to ensure they receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contracting the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lincoln Plaza, Suite 404, 145 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Written comments and materials regarding this plan should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the Salt Lake City address given above. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy A. Jordan, Fish and Wildlife Biologist (see **ADDRESSES** above), at telephone 801/524-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare

recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The Ute ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*) is a perennial, terrestrial orchid 20 to 50 cm (8 to 20 inches) tall. The flowers are white or ivory and cluster into a spike arrangement at the top of the stem. The plant generally occurs in small, scattered groups in low elevation riparian, spring, and lakeside wetland meadows. The species range includes the west desert, Wasatch Front, and Uinta Basin in Utah; the Front Range north of Denver in Colorado, southeastern to central Wyoming, and southwestern Montana.

The Ute ladies'-tresses was listed as a threatened species on January 17, 1992 (57 FR 2053), under the authority of the Act. It was listed due to current and potential threats to the species' population and habitat from increasing urbanization, water diversions, alteration and management of stream systems that result in a decrease in stream dynamics, increasing recreation, and invasion of habitat by exotic plant species. The goal of the recovery plan is to maintain and protect viable populations to ensure the species' survival and to guide recovery actions to facilitate downlisting and delisting of the species. Recovery efforts will focus on developing and implementing watershed management programs that help retain and restore streams and streamside habitats where the plant occurs, establishing formal land management designations that provide long-term protection of the species and its habitat, conducting biological and habitat management research, managing recreation, and implementing integrated pest management for weed control.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the recovery plan described above. All comments received by the date specified in the **DATES** section above will be considered prior to approval of the recovery plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 14, 1995.

Terry T. Terrell,

Deputy Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-024-05-3809-00; AZA-29237]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Analyzing the Impacts of the Proposed Yarnell Mine Project, Yarnell, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a proposed gold mine near Yarnell, Arizona.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office, intends to prepare an environmental impact statement on the impacts of a proposed gold mining and processing project near the town of Yarnell, in Yavapai County, Arizona. Yarnell Mining Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bema Gold (U.S.) Incorporated, has submitted a proposed mining plan of operations to the Bureau of Land Management, as required under the Code of Federal Regulations and Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The Bureau of Land Management has responsibility for review, analysis, and approval of the mining plan. Preparation of the environmental impact statement will follow the Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, subpart 1500.

The mining plan proposes conventional open-pit excavation, waste rock dumps, and cyanide heap leach processes to mine the Yarnell gold deposit over a period of approximately six years, with an additional two years for reclamation. The proposed project area includes 160 acres, located 1.5 miles south of Yarnell and 70 miles northwest of Phoenix.

The no action alternative and alternatives that consider various

engineering designs and impact mitigating measures will be analyzed. Anticipated issues include surface and groundwater quality, groundwater depletion, visual impacts, public safety, noise, air quality, effects of blasting, mine reclamation, impacts on socioeconomic values, and impacts on riparian, wildlife, and cultural resources.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held to determine issues of concern. Public meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

(1) Wickenburg meeting: October 17, 1995, 6:00–9:00 p.m., at the Wickenburg Community Center, 160 North Valentine Street, Wickenburg, Arizona (520) 684-7656.

(2) Yarnell meeting: October 18, 1995, 6:00–9:00 p.m., at the Yarnell Senior Citizens Center, 136 Broadway, Yarnell, Arizona (520) 427-6401.

(3) Prescott meeting: October 19, 1995, 6:00–9:00 p.m., at the Prescott Resort Conference Center, Cottonwood Room, 1500 Highway 69, Prescott, Arizona (520) 776-1666.

Public input may be submitted during the public meetings or in writing to the address given in the section below. Public comments relating to the identification of issues will be accepted until 60 days from this publication date. There will be additional opportunities for public comment on completion of the draft environmental impact statement.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the environmental impact statement should be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Gail Acheson, Area Manager, Phoenix Resource Area, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Stone, EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Resource Area, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, telephone (602) 780-8090.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

David J. Miller,
Associate District Manager.

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[CA-067-7123-00]

Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Update of Off-Road Vehicle Designation of Routes of Travel on Public Land in Eastern San Diego and Imperial Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Designation of open, closed and limited routes of travel.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period for Route of Travel Designations on Public Land in Eastern San Diego and Imperial Counties is being extended. The environmental assessment, Maps and Proposed Vehicle Route Designation Records for each route may be reviewed Monday through Friday at the following locations through November 10, 1995: El Centro Resource Area Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA, 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA, 7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; J's Maintenance Service, 3550 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA., 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; and Fibertech Manufacturing, 10809 Prospect Ave., Santee, CA., 9 a.m.–6 p.m. (9 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturdays).

DATES: For Comments: The public review period has been extended for review of the proposed route designations. Written comments must be filed no later than November 10, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be filed no later than November 10, 1995, and be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Bower, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, California, 92243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The El Centro Resource Area is updating its vehicle designations for Public Lands in Eastern San Diego County and in Imperial County those Public Lands west of a line along the Chocolate Mountains Aerial Gunnery Range and the east side of the Imperial Sand Dunes. Numerous requests were received to extend the comment period during public meetings held the week of August 28, 1995. This extension is in response to these requests.

Dated: September 13, 1995.

G. Ben Koski,
Area Manager.

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[NM-070-1430-01; NMNM95192]

Notice of Right-of-Way Application; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An application, serialized as NMNM95192, was received from El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) for a natural gas pipeline right-of-way in San Juan County, New Mexico.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1020 (30 USC 185); as amended by the Act of November 16, 1973, (37 Stat. 576), EPNG has applied for a right-of-way for 34 inch diameter pipeline that is 2,719 feet in length. An additional 29 miles are located on land administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and on Navajo Nation land. The project would loop existing lines and will help relieve line pressure and also help in accommodating projected volumes. The proposed line crosses the following public lands.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 29 N., R. 13 W.,

Sec. 30, 2½.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Bureau will be making a decision on approval of the right-of-way, and if so, under what terms and conditions.

Interested persons desiring to express their views should send their name and address to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, New Mexico 87401 within 15 days of publication of this notice. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jerry Crockford at (505) 599-6333.

Dated: September 15, 1995.

Robert Moore,
Acting Assistant District Manager for Resources.

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Mohave County, Arizona: Realty Action, AZA-29273

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action—Leasing of Public Lands; Mohave County, Arizona.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Mohave County, Arizona will be leased under the provisions of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and 43 CFR Part 2920. The lands will be leased for commercial use to Albert and Ernestine Warminski.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 20 N., R. 22 W.,

Sec. 12, portion of lot 5.

Containing 0.63 acres, more or less.